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Indonesia*: draft resolution

Implementation of the United Nations conventions on environment and development

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 52/198 and 52/201 of 18 December 1997,

Noting with satisfaction that a large number of States have ratified the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa,[1] and calling upon other States to take appropriate action to that end,

Nothing also with satisfaction that most States and one regional economic integration organization have ratified or acceded to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change[2] and the Convention on Biological Diversity,[3]

Welcoming with appreciation the generous offer of the Government of Argentina to host the fourth session of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change from 2 to 13 November 1998, as well as the generous offer of the Government of Senegal to host the second session of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention to Combat Desertification in those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa in Dakar from 30 November to 11 December 1998,

Emphasizing that those Conventions are important instruments for achieving sustainable development, taking into account the objectives embodied therein,

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* On behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77 and China.

[1] A/49/84/Add.2, annex, appendix II.

[2] A/AC.237/18 (Part II)/Add.1 and Corr.1, annex I.

[3] See United Nations Environment Programme, *Convention on Biological Diversity* (Environmental Law and Institution Programme Activity Centre), June 1992.

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Having considered the report of the Secretary-General,[4]

1. *Welcomes* the selection by the Conference of the Parties to the Convention to Combat Desertification in those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa at its first session of the International Fund for Agricultural Development to house the Global Mechanism and, in accordance with Conference decision 24/COP.1,[5] invites the Fund, as the lead organization, to cooperate fully with the United Nations Development Programme and the World Bank;

2. *Also welcomes* the adoption of the Kyoto Protocol to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change by the Conference of the Parties at its third session,[6] and calls upon all States to make further efforts to ensure the entry into force of the Protocol as soon as possible;

3. *Stresses* the necessity to advance, as soon as possible, the full implementation of the Conventions;

4. *Calls upon* the Governments of affected countries, as a matter of priority, to accelerate the processes of elaboration of national, subregional and regional action programmes, and calls upon the international community, in particular the developed countries, and the United Nations system, and invites the multilateral financial institutions and all other interested actors to support the efforts of developing countries in those processes by providing financial resources and other forms of assistance, such as transfer of technology and capacity-building, in accordance with the relevant articles of the Conventions and the decisions of the Conferences of the Parties;

5. *Invites* the Executive Secretaries of the Conventions to report to the General Assembly on the results of future meetings of the Conferences of the Parties to the Convention;

6. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its fifty-fourth session a report on action taken to implement the present resolution;

7. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its fifty-fourth session an item entitled "Implementation of the United Nations conventions on environment and development".

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[4] A/53/477.

[5] ICCD/COP(1)/11, para. 48.

[6] FCCC/CP/1997/7, para. 82.